

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Tuesday, 5 November 2024



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**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DARRANDIRRA, LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY
CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 5:30PM**

PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris
Councillor Kim Farrar
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris
Councillor Mick Palmer
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Councillor Morgan Rickard
Councillor Ed Smelt
Councillor Amye Un
Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer, Simone Saunders
General Manager Community, Matt Grassmayr
General Manager Corporate, Natalie Williamson
General Manager Innovation, Alice Percy

APOLOGY:

Councillor Vim Sharma

GUESTS:

Nil

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We the members of City of Darwin acknowledge that we are meeting on Larrakia Country.

We recognise and pay our respects to all Larrakia people, Traditional Owners and Custodian Elders of the past and present.

We support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future.

We are committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

2 THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

Amen

Due to technical issues, Councillor Amye Un, was unable to join the meeting via electronic means.

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

RESOLUTION SPE479/24

Moved: Councillor Ed Smelt

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:35 pm.

CARRIED 10/0

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION SPE480/24

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Sam Weston

THAT the apology from Councillor Vim Sharma, be received.

CARRIED 10/0

4.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

NIL

4.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

NIL

5 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**5.1 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE GRANTED****RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT Council note that pursuant to Section 95 (3) of the Local Government Act 2019, the following Councillor(s) was granted permission Electronic Meeting Attendance.

- Councillor Amye Un

5.2 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

NIL

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF COUNCILLORS AND STAFF**6.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS**

NIL

6.2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY STAFF

NIL

7 MOVING OF ITEMS**7.1 MOVING OF OPEN ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**13.1 CITY OF DARWIN ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24****RESOLUTION SPE483/24**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Councillor Mick Palmer

1. THAT the report entitled City of Darwin Annual Report 2023/24 be received and noted
2. THAT Council adopt the 2023/24 City of Darwin Annual Report, inclusive of the Audited Financial Statements for 2023/24.
3. THAT the 2023/24 City of Darwin Annual Report, be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government no later than 15 November 2024.
4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
5. THAT the report remains confidential and the decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.
6. THAT the document be moved into Open after it has been delivered to the Minister.

CARRIED 10/0

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**8.1 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

9 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Nil

10 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

12 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

16.1 City of Darwin Annual Report 2023/24

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

13 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AND MEDIA LIAISON**RESOLUTION SPE481/24**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 5:36pm.

CARRIED 10/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 5:47 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 5:47 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Darwin held on 26 November 2024.

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CHAIR